

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-16, 19, and 22-23 have been amended as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A refrigerator-freezer which has one or a plurality of storages and a cooling means for cooling the storages, comprising:

hermetically sealed containers installed inside the storages to store foods to be refrigerated/frozen;

an exhaust means for individually discharge exhaust of the hermetically sealed containers; and

a switching means for turning ON/OFF the exhaust means.

Claim 2 (original): The refrigerator-freezer according to claim 1 wherein a vacuum breaking means for breaking the vacuum condition after discharging exhaust by the exhaust means is provided for the hermetically sealed containers.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein an open-close detection means for detecting open-close of container door section is provided to the hermetically sealed containers.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to ~~any of claims 1 through 3~~ claim 1 further comprising a temperature detection means for detecting temperature inside the hermetically sealed container, wherein the exhaust means discharges exhaust after the temperature detection means detects that the temperature inside the hermetically sealed container lowers to the specified value.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to ~~any of claims 1 through 4~~ claim 1 wherein a bio-ceramic element which has bioactivity for generating negative ions is located inside the hermetically sealed container.

Claim 6 (original): A refrigerator-freezer which has a plurality of storages and a cooling means for cooling the storages, comprising:

hermetically sealed containers installed inside the storages to store foods to be refrigerated and frozen;

connection ends mounted to the storages;

exhaust ducts that can be connected to the hermetically sealed containers by the connection ends;

a common exhaust means for discharging exhaust of the hermetically sealed containers connected to the exhaust duct via the connection ends by discharging exhaust inside the exhaust duct; and

an operating device for operating connections between the hermetically sealed containers and the exhaust duct.

Claim 7 (original): The refrigerator according to claim 6 wherein the operating means does not open the connection between the hermetically sealed containers and the exhaust duct when the hermetically sealed containers are not connected to the connection ends of the exhaust duct.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 6 ~~or claim 7~~ further comprising a temperature detection means for detecting the temperature inside the hermetically sealed container wherein the operating means opens the connection between the hermetically sealed containers and the exhaust duct after detecting that the temperature inside the hermetically sealed container lowers to the specified value.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to ~~any of claim 6 through claim 8~~ claim 6 wherein a vacuum breaking means for breaking the vacuum condition after exhaust by the exhaust means is mounted to the hermetically sealed containers.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to ~~any of claim 6 through claim 9~~ claim 6 wherein a bio-ceramic element which has bioactivity to generate negative ions is located inside the hermetically sealed containers.

Claim 11 (original): A refrigerator-freezer which has one or a plurality of storages and a cooling means for cooling the storages, which are formed into a hermetically sealed construction, comprising:

an exhaust means for discharging exhaust of the storages of the hermetically sealed construction.

Claim 12 (original): The refrigerator-freezer according to claim 11 wherein a vacuum breaking means for breaking the vacuum condition after the exhaust means discharges exhaust is equipped to the storage.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to claim 11 ~~or claim 12~~ wherein the exhaust means waits until the temperature inside the storages lowers to the specified temperature and carries out the exhaust operation.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to ~~any of claim 11 through claim 13~~ claim 11 wherein an open-close detection means for detecting the open-close of the storage door is installed to the storage.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to ~~any of claim 11 through claim 14~~ claim 11 wherein the cooling means has a plurality of heat exchangers inside the storage.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The refrigerator-freezer according to ~~any of claim 11 through claim 15~~ claim 11 wherein a bio-ceramic element which has bioactivity to generate negative ions is located inside the storage.

Claim 17 (original): A storage container used for storing reserves in a cold storage, comprising:

- a hermetically sealing means for hermetically sealing the storage containers,
- an exhaust means for individually discharging exhaust of the storage containers, and
- a switching means for turning ON/OFF the exhaust means.

Claim 18 (original): The storage container according to claim 17 wherein a vacuum breaking means for breaking the vacuum condition after exhaust is discharged by the exhaust means is equipped to the storage containers.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The storage container according to claim 17 ~~or claim 18~~ wherein a bio-ceramic element which has bioactivity to generate negative ions is located inside the storage containers.

Claim 20 (original): A cold storage which has a freezer compartment that can refrigerate and store preserves in the warehouse, comprising:

- a hermetically sealing means for hermetically sealing the freezer compartment,

an exhaust means for individually discharging exhaust of the freezer compartment, and
a switching means for turning ON/OFF the exhaust means.

Claim 21 (original): The cold storage according to claim 20 wherein a vacuum breaking means for breaking the vacuum condition after exhaust is discharged by the exhaust means is equipped to the freezer compartment.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The storage container according to claim 20 ~~or claim 21~~ wherein a bio-ceramic element which has bioactivity to generate negative ions is located inside the freezer compartment.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The storage container according to ~~any of claim 20 through claim 22~~ claim 20 wherein a temperature sensor for detecting the existence of humans or living organisms by temperature is mounted inside the freezer compartment.